

NEWSLETTER

**PENTECOST
SUNDAY**

Come , Holy Spirit

If we turn for a moment to the child's catechism and think what the 'gifts and fruits' of the Holy Spirit listed there are, we can see at once why the inflowing of the Spirit of God give joy to men even in the midst of suffering and hardship peace, patience, fortitude, wisdom, understanding, joy itself! Or turn to the lovely hymn for the Feast of Pentecost to see what the Holy Spirit is to man, and what the descent of the Holy Spirit into his soul does to him.

He is the comforter, that is the one who makes strong; he is rest in toil, shade and refreshment in the heat of noon, solace in grief. He is the light of our life the light that shines in our darkness. It is the Holy Spirit, so this hymn goes on to tell us, who washes away the stains of our sins; the exquisite quality of water recurs again, to quench our thirst. 'the pilgrims sweet relief' to wash away our stains of sin, and to 'water from heaven our barren day'-to come down the dried-up, life and water it as the blessed rain waters the parched earth, giving life to the seed in it, causing a new spring to break from it in all its cool and overflowing loveliness green bud and leaf. In our souls this a new springtide of Christ, and answer to the age- long prayer *Let the earth open for salvation to spring up (Is 45: 9).*

And not only does the Holy Spirit wash the stains from our souls and our minds, but he heals the wounds and bruises of life, he softens the pride that is so often the major cause of our unhappiness, and bows our 'stillness' to the yoke that is sweet and brings us peace.

He warms the hearts that had grown cold and makes them human again, tender to one another, loving towards God, capable once again of bringing more to the measure of love, which is the hope of the world.

He recalls us to the Source to drink, to the Source of our life and joy, and all this is not simply to brace us for conquest and to enable us to suffer here, it is to flood all suffering here with joy, and finally to flood death itself with peace and to bring us to the final realisation of joy which will never end.

'Grant us in life the grace that we/ In peace may die and ever be/In joy before thy face'

Caryll Houselander

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come , O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, to whom every heart is open, every desire known and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the help of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, faithfully serve you, and worthily praise your Holy Name. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS

May 18th, 2024

6pm - Bishop M.Peiris RIP & Fr F Wahle RIP

May 19th, 2024

9am— Ints of Stella Ogu Family
11 am - Ints of First Communion Children

Friday - 24th May

9.15 am - Ints of Fr Christopher

Confession on Saturday between 5.15-5.45 pm
or by appointment.

At present there is only one weekly mass on Friday morning.

Annual Parish BBQ

Our annual parish BBQ, will be on **9th June 24**, after the 11 am Mass.



Tickets and other information to follow next week. Please put this date in your diary.

A Prayer after Communion

Grant O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things. We may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading— Acts 2; 1-11
Psalm 103; 1, 24, 29-31, 34
Response cf v 30
2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 12;3-7, 12-13
John 20; 19-23

1st Reading— Deuteronomy 4;32-34, 39-40
Psalm 32: 4-6, 9, 18-20, 22
Response v12
2nd Reading - Romans 8: 14-17
Gospel – Mathew 28;16-20

Litany to the Holy Spirit

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*
 Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*
 Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*
 Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven, *Have mercy on us.*
 God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
 God the Holy Spirit,
 Holy Trinity, One God,
 Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son,
 Holy Spirit, co-equal with the Father and the Son,
 Promise of the Father, most bounteous,
 Ray of Heavenly Light,
 Author of all good,
 Source of living Water,
 Consuming Fire,
 Burning Love,
 Spiritual Unction,
 Spirit of truth and power,
 Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 Spirit of counsel and fortitude,
 Spirit of knowledge and piety,
 Spirit of fear of the Lord,
 Spirit of compunction,
 Spirit of grace and prayer,
 Spirit of love, peace and joy,
 Spirit of patience,
 Spirit of longanimity and goodness,
 Spirit of benignity and mildness,
 Spirit of fidelity,
 Spirit of modesty and continence,
 Spirit of chastity,
 Spirit of adoption of sons of God,
 Holy Spirit, our Comforter,
 Holy Spirit, our Sanctifier,
 You Who in the beginning moved upon the waters,
 You through Whom spoke holy men of God,
 You Who overshadowed the Virgin Mary,
 You by Whom Mary conceived Christ,
 You Who descend upon men at Baptism,
 You Who, on the Day of Pentecost appeared through fiery tongues,
 You by Whom we are reborn,
 You Who dwell in us as in a Temple,
 You Who govern and animate the Church,
 You Who fill the whole world, ...

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That You will renew the face of the earth, *We beseech You, hear us.*

That You may shed Your Light upon us,
 That You may pour Your Love into our hearts,
 That You may inspire us to love our neighbour,
 That You may teach us to ask for the graces we need,
 That You may enlighten us with your heavenly inspirations,

That You may guide us in the way of holiness,
 That You may make us obedient to Your commandments,

That You may teach us how to pray,

That You may always pray with us,

That You may inspire us with horror for sin,

That You may direct us in the practice of virtue,

That You may make us persevere in a holy life,

That You may make us faithful to our vocation,

That You may grant us good priests and bishops,

That You may give us good Christian families,

That You may grant us a spiritual renewal of the Church,

That You may guide and console the Holy Father,

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Spirit, hear us. *Holy Spirit, Graciously hear us.*

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

Create a clean heart in us, O Lord. *Renew a right spirit in us, O Lord.*

Let us pray:

O God, who enlightens the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant to us the same Spirit, that we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father – Hail Mary – Glory Be

Concluding Prayer

Heavenly Father, hear the prayers that we make in the name of your Son, and give us the Paraclete whom he promised you would send. Keep us faithful to you, that filled with your grace we may serve and worship you in Spirit and in truth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Holy Spirit, Lord of light
 From the clear celestial height
 Thy pure beaming radiance give.
 Come, thou Father of the poor,
 Come with treasures which endures
 Come, thou light of all that live!
 Thou, of all consolers best,
 Thou, the soul's delightful guest
 Dost refreshing peace bestow.
 Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
 Pleasant coolness in the heat;
 Solace in the midst of woe.
 Light immortal light divine,
 Visit thou these hearts of thine,
 And our inmost being fill.
 If thou take thy grace away,
 Nothing pure in man will stay;
 All his good is turned to ill.
 Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
 On our dryness pour thy dew;
 Wash the stains of guilt away:
 Bend the stubborn heart and will;
 Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
 Guide the steps that go astray.
 Thou, on us who evermore
 Thou confess and thee adore,
 With sevenfold gifts descend:
 Give us comfort when we die;
 Give us life with them on high:
 Give us joys that never end.
 Amen. Alleluia

NOVENA TO SAINT JUDE

23-31 MAY 2024

Jesus, I praise you and bless you
 And give you thanks for all the graces and privileges
 You have bestowed upon. You have chosen Saint Jude.
Make your special request now
 Loving God,
 Who revealed to Saint Jude
 Your desire to come to us and share your life with us,
 Open our hearts
 So that your Spirit may teach us your truth,
 And that keeping your commandments
 We may know your abiding presence. Amen

The Blessings of the Rosary

Sinners are forgiven
 Souls that thirst are refreshed
 Those who are fettered have their bonds broken
 Those who weep find happiness
 Those who are tempted find peace
 Those poor find help
 Religious are reformed
 Those who are arrogant are instructed
 The living learn to overcome pride
 The Holy Souls in Purgatory have their pains eased by
 sufferings

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine at Walsingham
 takes place this year on Saturday, 21st of September.
 Further information will be available in due course.
 If you are interested - please, save this date in your diary.

Our Church

Dear Friends, After a few years of pause in spending money on our premises, the Finance Committee with myself, feel that it is time to address some issues. First, we have started with lights exchange in Sanctuary as they have started to fall off due to their age. We have also replaced majority of bulbs in the church and the hall. Secondly, after 24 years of use, we want to refresh our kitchen and toilets. The kitchen has its new image already and you can see it while having your tea or coffee.

As usual, I would like to ask you for a specific donations towards our works as if we got money into this category, all your donations will stay with the parish, while when the money goes into general donations - we have to pay 30% of the total to the Diocese. If you are a Gift Aider, you can gift aid the donation and it will add an extra value.

Donation envelopes are available on the table in the lobby. You can also chose to donate on our digital plate or by bank transfer but doing it - do not forget to add; donation for electrical works or for decoration.

It all will come with a cost of eleven thousand pounds. We have collected so far **£3352** towards our works so far. Thank you for your support and generosity. Fr Christopher

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £259.43 envelopes: £231.00 contactless collection last weekend: £834.00 total: **£1324.40**

Standing orders in **in January- £3286, in February - £2589, in March - £2715,**

Mission Appeal- 480.00

CHURCH PROJECT (electrical works and refurbishment of the kitchen and toilets) - £3352

As a Charity, we rely on your weekly donations. We will be grateful for your financial support. Your New offertory envelopes will be available at the end of March for collection after Mass or from the parish office. If you wish to have an offertory envelope, then give your details to the parish office, where a new box of envelopes will be made available to you. Alternatively, you could make your donation via bank transfer. The parish account is on our website.

WRC DT CHARITY NO: 233699

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Evangelisation and Faith

CAFOD Pilgrimage

CAFOD is organising a pilgrimage for young adults aged between 18- 40 from **Friday 12th – Sunday 14th July**, in a special way in this year of prayer and lead up to the year of Jubilee. Reconnecting with their faith through worship, prayer and journeying as a pilgrim together. The pilgrimage will include a two-night residential stay at the Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough, NN9 5UH. On the Saturday we will then be walking from Our Lady Help of Christians & St Lawrence, Olney to The Church of the Holy Child in Bedford, a distance of approximately 13.5 miles.

For more information: [Young Adults Residential Pilgrimage \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://youngadultsresidentialpilgrimage.cafod.org.uk)

Sign-up link: [Young Adults Pilgrimage July 24 - Formstack](http://youngadultspilgrimagejuly24-formstack.cafod.org.uk)

CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. You can also text Text **CAFODSUDAN** to **70450** to donate £10.

Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you'll be opting into hearing more from us. If you would like to donate but don't wish to hear more from us, please text **CAFODSUDANNOINFO** instead.

